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SUBJECT: Report of Investigation IAW AR 15-6 Concerning the Events Surrounding the Deaths of CPT Joshua Lawrence and CPT Drew Russell and other Soldiers seriously injured on 8 October 2011 at the ANA Old Corps Headquarters, Kandahar City

three armed individuals as they entered the TAC area [See Exhibit U]. This was in keeping with the guidance from TF Bison leaders at Old Corps that placed no requirement on the two posted U.S. guards to screen or check any personnel entering the inner TAC compound or the TAC tent itself, only to monitor traffic entering and exiting the area to prevent theft of U.S. sensitive items or equipment [See Exhibits A and S]. The TAC perimeter was a combined location on a secured ANA compound, and not designated as a restricted or limited access area. TF Bison leadership strongly trusted their ANSF counterparts and partners to provide the necessary oversight of their security forces, and keep unauthorized Afghan personnel away from area and out of the TAC command post. [See Exhibit T].

c. (U//FOUO) **Was the TAC under U.S. control? If so, what was the standing security plan?** Although the TAC was established as a combined command post earlier in the day, that included U.S. forces from TF Bison partnered with ANSF LNOs and reps from the ANA, AUP, ANCOP and NDS, at the time of the attack (approximately 2127 hours, 8 October 2011) the TAC had fallen strictly under U.S. control as the ANSF LNO partners had departed for the evening. Since the ANSF LNOs were released for the night, and the local security plan hinged on trust that those same LNOs would keep the immediate area free of unauthorized access of Afghan personnel, that element of local security was severely degraded. The standing plan for security was (b)(1) 1.4 U.S. Soldier posted at the TAC compound entry monitoring, but not screening personnel traffic, and initially (b)(1) 1.4 U.S. Soldier posted at the TAC tent entrance likewise monitoring, but not restricting access into the tent unless ordered to do so by one of TF Bison's officers [See Exhibit R]. Just after 2100 hours that night, the security plan was modified by the re-positioning of the TAC tent guard from that location to the western guard tower with the desire to conduct a combined U.S. / ANA Soldier guard post. [See Exhibits A, S, T, V, MM]

d. (U//FOUO) **What was the SOP to allow entry into the TAC? What does the SOP state regarding RPGs inside the TAC?** The guidance given to the U.S. guard posted at the TAC tent entryway was to monitor but not limit or restrict access into the TAC, although the guard needed to be prepared to restrict access completely at the direction of one of the TF Bison Officers. [See Exhibits R and S]. The guard at the TAC tent as well as the Soldier posted at the front of the TAC compound was in place to monitor the traffic in and around the perimeter, focused more on the prevention of theft of U.S. property versus security. [See Exhibit A]. I found no published or verbal